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## AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Insert the following new first paragraph on page 1 of the specification before the words "TECHNICAL FIELD:"

This invention is a continuation of copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/510,278, entitled MECHANISM FOR DATA FORWARDING, filed February 21, 2000, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

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